

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The Los Angeles County Flood Control District operates the Santa Anita Dam above the City of Arcadia. This dam provides flood control protection to residents of Arcadia and surrounding communities, and also recharges groundwater utilized by several water purveyors in the San Gabriel Valley.

The area behind the Santa Anita Dam includes a substantial amount of silt, or sediment. This silt impedes the proper functioning of the dam, both for flood control and for groundwater recharge. For this reason, District staff has been working on a program to remove the silt and relocate it to District-owned sediment placement sites below the dam.

The District's Santa Anita Dam sediment removal project includes an eleven-acre mature oak woodland. Several individuals have contacted my office with concerns about the proposed removal of these oak trees. I share their concern, and further believe that every option should be pursued to protect this valued environmental resource.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Public Works to:

- Postpone the start date of construction for the Santa Anita Dam sediment removal project for a minimum of 30 days; and
- Report back to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days advising on the environmental options explored for this project in order to meet sediment placement needs while minimizing impacts.

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